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RESEARCHING YOUR MILITARY ANCESTORS

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Maybe you've grown up hearing stories about great-grandpa and his wartime exploits or maybe you have heard that an ancestor died in "the War." Where do you go from these kind of stories to finding out about your ancestor's actual wartime service? How can the Round Rock Public Library help you in your search?

First, you have to determine when the ancestor lived and what conflicts occurred in his life. To determine what conflicts existed and what records were created, review Johni Cerny's chapter on military records in *The Source* GEN 929.1072 SOU and James C. Neagles book, *U.S. Military Records* GEN 929.30973 US, both located in the library. Johni Cerny's chapter on military records in *The Source* discusses why military records are useful in genealogical research and briefly covers the records each conflict created. Cerny lists what indexes are available, what microfilm has the original data, and what printed sources exist. He also discusses the Loyalists, pension records, veteran's

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Recent additions to the genealogy collection

These are some of the titles that have been added since May 2002.

In Search of your European Roots: A Complete guide to tracing your ancestors in every country in Europe by Angus Baxter GEN 929.1072 BAX

Italians to America: Lists of Passengers arriving at U.S. Ports, volumes 15 & 16 May 1900-April 1901 edited by Ira Glazier and P. William Filby GEN 929.308951073 ITA

A Guide to South Carolina Genealogical Research and Records by Brent H. Holcomb GEN 929.10720757 HOL

Directory of Memorials, Monuments, and Statues for Veterans by the Texas Veterans Commission GEN 355.1074 DIR

A History of St. John's United Methodist Church, Rockdale, Texas by Mrs. Walter E. Fischer GEN 976.4288 FIS

Currier Family Records by Philip Currier GEN 929.20973 Currier

Pioneers of West Virginia, with Shrewsbury, Graham, Howerton, McKinney, and allied families by Doris (Graham) Slaughter GEN 929.209754 SLA

Mississippi Confederate Grace Registrations (2v) by Betty C. Wiltshire GEN 929.3762 WIL

1001 things everyone should know about Irish-American history by Edward T. O'Donnell. GEN 973.049162 ODO

Handybook for Genealogists 10th edition by George Everton. GEN 929.1072 EVE

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homes, and more. Each topic has a detailed bibliography.

James C. Neagles' work is *U.S. Military Records, A Guide to Federal and State Sources, Colonial America to the Present*. This much-respected work is divided by records created during military service and those created after. Neagles also has chapters on military resources available at the National Archives and those available at various historical research centers nationwide. Some of these research centers include the Coast Guard Historian's Office, U.S. Naval Institute, Department of Veteran Affairs, and the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. There is also a section devoted to the military records pertaining to each state and how to access them. There is a great bibliography of printed military sources divided by conflict and at the end, Neagles presents a brief history of America's conflicts. These two works will provide you with some background about what kinds of records exist and how to find them.

Besides these two works, there are many genealogical how-to guides in the library that concentrate on a specific conflict or even just one side of the conflict.

Among these are:

<i>Revolutionary War Genealogy</i>	GEN 929.1072 SCH
<i>War of 1812 Genealogy</i>	GEN 929.1072073 SCH
<i>Tracing Your Civil War Ancestor</i>	GEN 929.1072 GRO
<i>Civil War Genealogy</i>	GEN 929.1072073 SCH
<i>Confederate Research Sources: A Guide to Archive Collections</i>	GEN 929.1072 NEA

The following listing contains titles in various formats in the Round Rock Public Library and titles available on AncestryPlus and on HeritageQuest Online. This listing is not comprehensive. I began a comprehensive listing of military resources useful to genealogical research and the document quickly went over 50 pages. The titles listed are either the major titles for that conflict or are representative of the kinds of titles you will find for that conflict.

Revolutionary War Titles

<i>Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files</i> (4 vol.)	GEN 929.373 WHI
<i>Pension Roll of 1835</i> (4vol.)	GEN 929.373 UNI
<i>Rejected or Suspended Applications for Revolutionary War Pensions</i>	GEN 929.3 UNI
<i>Revolutionary War Service Records, 1775-1783</i>	On AncestryPlus
<i>Maryland Revolutionary Records</i>	On HeritageQuest Online
<i>The New Loyalist Index</i>	GEN 973.373 BUN

War of 1812

<i>Index to War of 1812 Pension Files</i> (2 vol.)	GEN 929.373 WHI
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<i>A List of pensioners of the War of 1812</i>	On HeritageQuest
<i>War of 1812 Service Records</i>	On AncestryPlus
<i>War of 1812 Veterans in Texas</i>	GEN 973.52464 FAY
<i>War of 1812 Muster Rolls</i>	GEN CD #89

Civil War

<i>Civil War Service Records</i>	On AncestryPlus
<i>Civil War Union Pension Index</i>	On AncestryPlus
<i>American Civil War Soldiers Database</i>	On AncestryPlus
<i>Index to Applications for Texas Confederate Pensions</i>	GEN 929.3764 IND
<i>Indiana in the War of the Rebellion : report of the Adjutant General.</i>	On HeritageQuest Online
<i>Texas in the War 1861-1865</i>	GEN 929.3764 SIM

Other Conflicts

<i>U.S. Naval Deaths WWI</i>	On AncestryPlus
<i>WWI Civilian Draft Registrations</i>	On AncestryPlus
<i>Michigan casualties, World War, 1944-1948</i>	On HeritageQuest
<i>Wisconsin's Gold Star List</i>	On HeritageQuest Online
<i>Korean Conflict Death Index</i>	On AncestryPlus
<i>Vietnam Casualty Index</i>	On AncestryPlus
<i>World War II and Korean Conflict Veterans Interred Overseas</i>	On AncestryPlus

Searching for Military Titles

Look in the library's online catalog for more titles and check the genealogy resources section of the library's website (see page 4 for URL) under CD-ROMS and Microfilm for more choices. In AncestryPlus, look for the Military Records section and click on the word "more.." listed at the bottom of the military records list. This will bring up Ancestry's whole list of military titles. Searching through HeritageQuest Online, can be a bit frustrating. One of the best ways I've found is to go the "Search Publications" area and type in my subject and maybe a keyword and then hit search. The biggest plus and biggest drawback to this database is that it does full-text searching. If you type in "Civil War" under subject and "Virginia" under keyword, you will find a list of 122 titles. Then you notice, that many titles do not seem to concern Virginia at all. But when you think about it, you will realize that many regiments fought on Virginia soil and will have made mention of that in their regimental histories. There are many, many titles in HeritageQuest Online dealing with particular regiments such as *History of the 126th Infantry in the war with Germany*(Michigan) and with particular locations such as *York County and the World War* (Pennsylvania). Do not forget to take a look through the library catalogs of colleges and universities. The University of Texas, for one, has an excellent Civil War collection.❖

Researching Military Ancestors on the Web

The following sites are representative of the types of websites available for researching military ancestors. Also, go to www.Cyndi'sList, and search through the links under U.S.- Military, U.S.- Civil war, Military- World War II, and U.S.- National Archives.

U.S. Military Records Research Outline

<http://www.familysearch.org>

Go to the 'search for ancestors' list and choose the 4th option, 'view maps...' Click on the letter 'U' and then scroll down to U.S. Military Records Research Outline.

National Archives Military Records Microfilm Catalog

http://www.archives.gov/publications/microfilm_catalog/s/military/military_service_records.html

Texas Army Roster 1836

<http://www.earlytexashistory.com/Tx1836/txindex.html>

Databases of Illinois Veterans

<http://www2.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/databases.html>

Databases of Pennsylvania Veterans

<http://www.digitalarchives.state.pa.us/>

Databases of Tennessee Veterans

http://www.state.tn.us/sos/statelib/pubsvs/intro.htm#military_records

Researching a Spanish-American Veteran

<http://www.spanamwar.com/geneaol.htm>

Full-Text Listings of Medal of Honor Citations

<http://www.army.mil/cmh-pg/Moh1.htm>

Korea-Vietnam Casualty Lists

http://www.archives.gov/research_room/research_topics/korea_and_vietnam_casualties.html

World War I Draft Registration Cards Article

<http://www.rootdig.com/draft/worldwaronedraft.html>

GENEALOGY PERIODICAL TITLES ADDED IN 2002

NATIONAL LEVEL & ETHNIC TITLES

National Genealogical Society Quarterly

NGS Newsmagazine

GC (Genealogical Computing)

Ancestry

Family Chronicle

Journal of the Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society
and their newsletter, AAHGS News

The Swedish-American Genealogist

POINTers: The American Journal of Italian Genealogy

STATE LEVEL TITLES

Arkansas Family Historian

Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly

The Scribe Newsletter (**Georgia**)

Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly and Newsletter

Indiana Magazine of History

Traces of **Indiana** & Midwestern History

Black History News & Notes (**Indiana**)

The Hoosier Genealogist (**Indiana**)

The Bridge Newsletter (**Indiana**)

Louisiana Genealogical Register

Maryland Genealogical Society Bulletin

Maryland Genealogical Society Newsletter

Maryland Historical Magazine & Newsletter

Missouri State Genealogical Association Journal

The "Show Me" Newsletter (**Missouri**)

Genealogical Magazine of **New Jersey**

Genealogical Society of **New Jersey** Newsletter

New Mexico Genealogist

North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal

North Carolina Genealogical Society Newsletter

The Report (**Ohio**)

The **Ohio** Genealogical Society Newsletter

The Magazine of **Virginia** Genealogy

Virginia Genealogical Society Newsletter

More genealogy periodicals are on their way!!!

In the next few months, you will begin to see more genealogy periodicals on the shelf including over 20 Texas genealogy periodicals!

PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS

Learn more about the conflicts your ancestors were in by learning about, joining, and/or reading the publications of patriotic lineage organizations.

For more information on Lineage Organizations, take a look at *Hereditary Society Blue Book* at GEN 369.1025 HER.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

[HTTP://WWW.DAR.ORG/NATSOCIETY/DEFAULT.HTML](http://www.dar.org/natsociety/default.html)

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

[HTTP://WWW.SAR.ORG/](http://www.sar.org/)

GENERAL SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812

[HTTP://WWW.SOCIETYOFTHEWAROF1812.ORG/](http://www.societyofthewarof1812.org/)

DESCENDANTS OF MEXICAN WAR VETERANS

[HTTP://WWW.DMWV.ORG/](http://www.dmwv.org/)

DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

[HTTP://DRTL.ORG/DRTINC/INDEX.ASP](http://drtl.org/DRTINC/INDEX.ASP)

Other patriotic lineage organizations:

Sons of the Republic of Texas

Sons of Union veterans of the Civil War

General Society of Colonial Wars

United Daughters of the Confederacy

Sons of Confederate Veterans

American Ex-Prisoners of War

Hood's Texas Brigade Association

San Jacinto Descendants

Military Order of the World wars

Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic

Society of the Cincinnati

Genealogy & Local History News at the Round Rock Public Library is published four times a year to promote the genealogy and local history collection and to increase awareness of useful genealogical and historical resources inside and outside the collection.

The Genealogy Collection

The genealogy collection at the Round Rock Public Library continues to grow with materials added by both the library and the Williamson County Genealogical Society. There have also been many recent donations of materials including books, CDs, and genealogy periodicals.

The collection is located on the 2nd floor and is available for use anytime the library is open. There are some helpful binders on top of the microfilm cabinets that contain listings of all materials in the collection. Come by and see what is available.

The library's genealogy website is <http://www.ci.round-rock.tx.us/library/genealogy.html>

Look on the website for current events in genealogy, the latest acquisitions to the collection, genealogical Internet links, as well as a listing of CDs, microfilm, and periodicals in the collection.

The genealogy & local history librarian is Elizabeth L. Johnston. Her hours are Sunday 1-5pm, Monday 3-9pm, & Saturday 9-2:30pm. ❖

Williamson County Genealogical Society does not meet in December.

Next meeting January 9, 2003 in library meeting room A at 7:30pm

Too Many Books?

Consider the genealogy & local history collection when culling through your personal collection of genealogical materials. Mark your items for the genealogy collection and give to either the library or the Williamson County Genealogical Society. Items donated will help many others and are tax-deductible. Also, consider placing a copy of your historic Round Rock photographs and/or documents in the library's local history collection.

Contact WCGS' Joanne Percy at (512) 863-2434 or dottiecat@thegateway.net or Elizabeth Johnston at 218-7006 or ejohnston@round-rock.tx.us.

Heritage Quest quits renting

Heritage Quest has discontinued their microfilm rental program. The company felt it was costing too much and being used by fewer and fewer libraries and individuals. The National Archives & the Family History Center continue to loan out microfilm.

WCGS Seminar

Mark the date, March 8, 2003 at the First United Methodist Church in Round Rock. Curt Witcher, of the Allen County Public Library, will speak on PERSI, church, and military records.

GENEALOGY CLASSES

The library only has one genealogy class scheduled in December. Classes take place in the library's computer training room on the 1st floor. Call 218-7000 to register. For more information, contact Elizabeth Johnston at ejohnston@round-rock.tx.us or call 218-7006.

Saturday, December 14, 10-12 noon
Using AncestryPlus- Learn how to effectively use one of genealogy's most popular online tools.